

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1 and 9 by rewriting same to read as follows.

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--1. (Five Times Amended) A control apparatus having a first command means to control at an initial speed a first parameter and a second command means to control at an initial speed a second parameter, said control apparatus comprising:

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means for increasing at said predetermined speed one of said first and second parameters when one of said first and second command means is activated continuously;

means for judging similarity of alternate actions made by said first and second command means; and

means for continuing said predetermined speed of increase when one of said first and second command means is deactivated while one of said first and second command means is activated and said similarity is found by said means for judging similarity and for returning to said initial speed when said similarity is not found.

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--9. (Five Times Amended) A control method using a first command means to control at an initial speed a first parameter and a second command means to control at an

initial speed a second parameter, said control method comprising the steps of:

increasing at said predetermined speed one of said first and second parameters when one of said first and second command means is activated continuously;

F2 judging similarity of alternate actions made by said first and second command means; and

continuing said predetermined speed of increase when one of said first and second command means is deactivated while one of said first and second command means is activated and said similarity is found by said step of judging similarity and for returning to said initial speed when said similarity is not found.--

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 9 remain in the application and have been amended hereby.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of claims 1 and 9 under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventors, at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention.